

REMARKS

Claims 15-30 are in the application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner will note that, as a result of the foregoing amendment, claims 15 and 23 have been amended to remove all alternative expressions.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brasington et al., are also respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the changes made to the claims, the claims now are limited to a specific embodiment and, therefore, the claims are patentable over the art of record.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

Respectfully submitted,



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